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T. JACKSON,  
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Hongkong, April 25, 1888. 263

## NOTICE.

### RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
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For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, September 1, 1887. 754

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

MR. GEORGE DIXWELL FEARON was admitted a PARTNER in our Firm on the 1st January, 1888.  
DEACON & Co.  
Canton, 2nd April, 1888. 538

### NOTICE.

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## Intimations.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 171.

INFORMATION has been received from Her Britannic Majesty's Consul at San Francisco that ALL VESSELS arriving there from Hongkong will be placed in QUARANTINE for FOURTEEN DAYS.

By Command,  
FREDERICK STEWART,  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 24th April, 1888. 669

### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 11 (Special).

### CHINA SEA.

### SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

### SOUTHERN ENTRANCE TO THE YANGTZE.

A SURVEY of a Section of the Southern Entrance to the Yangtze, extending about 16 miles outwards from the Small Kintoon Beacon, which was completed on the 7th Instant, shows that a Middle Ground or Shoal, with a width of from 1/2 to 3/4 of a mile and having from 6 to 18 feet of water on it, stretches nearly 7 miles in a South-easterly direction from a point N. 64° E. distant 2 1/2 miles from the Kintoon Beacon, and that the channel to the North-eastward of this Middle Ground is at present wider, deeper, and more direct than the one on its South-western side.

Notice is hereby given, therefore, that on or about the 25th Instant, the present Blockhouse Shoal Buoy will be removed; the Kintoon Lightship will be moved off the South-western edge of Blockhouse Shoal, about 3 1/2 miles N. 71° E. from the Kintoon Beacon and 1 1/2 miles N. 34° E. from her present position; and the Middle Ground will be marked by two red and black vertically-striped Buoys—the one on its outer or South-western end carrying a diamond-shaped cage and the one on its inner end a triangular cage.

When the above changes have been made, Vessels entering by the Northern Channel should, in order to make a mid-channel course, keep the Tientsin Lightship bearing S. 55° E. till she is 3 miles distant, and then steer to make a course N. 45° W., passing about 2 cables to the South-westward of the Kintoon Lightship.

After passing the Kintoon as directed, a Vessel may steer to make a course N. 56° W. till the Small Kintoon Beacon bears S. W.

The least depth found on the above course was 21 feet—in the channel between Blockhouse Shoal and the Middle Ground.

All bearings and courses given are magnetic, and the depths are for low water spring tides.

A. M. BISBEE,  
Coast Inspector.

Imperial Maritime Customs,  
Coast Inspector's Office,  
Shanghai, 14th April, 1888. 646

### THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE.

THE Company is prepared to TRANSHIP CARGO on its GODOWNS at Kowloon or Wharves to any STEAMER in the harbour, and to carry CARGO across from Kowloon to any place on the Praya, at the usual rates.

By Order,  
ISAAC HUGHES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 20, 1888. 645

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ISAAC HUGHES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 7, 1887. 2148

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### NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

A FIRST INTERIM BONUS OF TWENTY PER CENT. upon Contributions for the year 1887 has THIS DAY been declared.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents,  
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Hongkong, April 19, 1888. 640

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### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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WARRANTS may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after the 5th Instant.

By Order of the Board,  
DOUGLAS JONES,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, April 16, 1888. 620

### RAMBLE THROUGH SOUTHERN FORMOSA.—By Mr. G. TAYLOR.

This Article, which has been reprinted from the China Review, contains one of the best sketches of Formosa Life yet written. A few roughly-executed Woodcuts are included in the pamphlet.

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Hongkong, March 3, 1888. 363

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Hongkong, April 11, 1888. 589

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Hongkong, February 21, 1888. 285

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### Intimations.

### NOTICE.

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SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that if upon their arrival in this harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Under-surveyed is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1458

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Hongkong, April 25, 1888. 670

## Auctions.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars of SALE of GROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, on MONDAY, the 30th day of April, 1888, at 4 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,  
FREDERICK STEWART,  
Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1888. 638

### Particulars of the Lots.

Lot No. 1123 Victoria.

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outside should be continued. Except in that case enquiries into violent death and

will be conducted under the provisions of this Bill by the Magistrate sitting alone and with or without viewing the body as it lies down on the ground. The Lord's inquest has not, I hope, the same significance as it has in England. Legal proceedings by way of prosecution cannot be founded upon it, and it has been considered that the enquiry can as effectively if not more effectively be carried out by a Magistrate. There is also the advantage that a large number of gentlemen whose time is deemed valuable will be incited to attend by answering to attend inquests and view bodies. The opportunity was taken of in reducing this measure in consolidating the Ordinances. The question has been long before the Law Revision Committee, and before the Colony, and the Committee suggested that an opportunity should be taken of fully revising the question.

The Council afterwards went into committee on this Ordinance.

of conducting inquests, asked whether it was intended, in the event of their taking place without a jury, that they should be held in public.

The Attorney General said it was not necessary under existing law that a preliminary inquiry before a Magistrate should be public, and many cases could be conceived in which it would be desirable for the detection and punishment of crime that such inquiries should be held in private.

He said that it was so in England as well as here. The matter was left to discretion but he imagined it would be very rarely that the power would be used in favour of privacy.

The ordinance was left in committee.

**THE RATING ORDINANCE.**

The Rating Ordinance was read a third time and passed.

**THE EUROPEAN RESERVATION BILL.**

The Attorney General had more to say with reference to this Bill, that a clause be added after the present clause 8. This clause is intended to meet, as I understand, the question which was raised with reference to the use of the

2nd section. The section reads: "The word Chinese tenement shall mean any tenement of any type usually devoted for lodging, and, &c., and there appeared to be from the discussion that arose some doubt as to the extent of the prohibition which might be exercised under the law. It is intended by the new section to remove any doubt and to make perfectly clear that houses for habitation of the Chinese will not be permitted within the European districts, yet that it will be competent for the Governor on being satisfied that such a building as is referred to by my hon. friend opposite (Mr Wong Shing), such a place as a Chamber of Commerce or building for a museum or for other public purposes and for any other public purpose and not intended for habitation, to grant permission to erect it, if he think fit. (The Attorney General then read a section embodying this provision.)

His Excellency—I considered this matter afterwards with reference to what was said by my hon. friend Mr Wong Shing and what I said in reply to him. It occurred to me that there would be considerable danger of difficulties arising which it would be desirable to avoid. Buildings for habitation of Chinese type would not be more objectionable than any other buildings if they were inhabited, in the same way as by Europeans, by the Chinese, or by a mixture of people. At the same time there would be very great difficulty, if once a building of the Chinese type were allowed to

not fitted up for being inhabited by a large number of people, of preventing subdivisions being made afterwards, and there would be a great probability of our being obliged to be continually on the watch to see that such a building was not being inhabited contrary to the provisions of the Ordinance. On the whole therefore, as I think there can be no very great hardship, in a law existing that buildings for habitations in that district, whether inhabited by Europeans or Chinese or by people of any other race, should be of the same size, I think it would be better, if we have introduced this clause for the purpose of meeting the objection very properly raised by the Hon. Mr. Wong Shing, limiting the building of other type than Chinese within the prescribed district to such as are intended to be raised for a public purpose and not for habitation. Of course that would not preclude any care-taking from living on such premises.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

AN EXHONOROUS TRANSLATION.

His Excellency—Before going further I think it well to mention that there appears to be some misunderstanding as to the

presumed to be a translation of an answer of mine to the request that coolies of Col-  
onies are not able to say whether it is a  
correct translation, as I am not able to  
understand Chinese myself. All I can say  
is that it is very different from what I  
wrote in English. I shall take an oppor-  
tunity of making known what I really  
wrote, to prevent misconception, as some  
parts of the translation that appeared is so  
unintelligible to me. I know that the  
enormous difficulty in translating  
English phraseology into Chinese, but mak-  
ing all allowance for Chinese, as to struc-  
ture of the sentences and so on, there are  
still one or two sentiments that are abso-  
lutely foreign to what I said.

The Colonial Secretary then read the  
following message (which appeared in our  
Extra issued at 1 o'clock) :—

‘ Reply.

‘ That having a deep sympathy with the  
labouring classes, I should have given their  
petition a very careful consideration with  
a view to removing all causes of just complaint  
(there being only one translation issued  
before it arrived in the Colony), had they  
approached me when they first heard of the  
new law and before it came into force as  
regards them. They have however been  
misled by bad advisers into the wrong  
means of obtaining my intervention, and  
have entered into a combination for resist-

say for I wish to learn that the British Government do not find any way to intimidation, and that I cannot enter into their grievances while they maintain their present attitude of resistance.

'While much regretting the serious loss they are inflicting on themselves, I, as their best friend, must warn them that if they prolong their cessation from labour, the community will gradually learn to do without it, and that their means of livelihood will be altogether lost.

Mr Ryrie asked if the subject of the strike was before the Council.

His Excellency - You are quite at liberty to put any question on the subject.

Mr Ryrie - The public is very anxious to know what is being done. Your Excellency is well aware that the commercial community of the place are suffering serious inconvenience. I myself am of opinion that there is not sufficient supervision on the streets to prevent men from intimidating others. I myself had an example of







## Peking.

(N. C. Daily News.)  
The Chinese of the Chinese, who the people go to worship at the tomb of their ancestors, deeded this year on April 4th. It blew a terrific dust storm in the afternoon, which, according to the common saying, indicates forty-five days of wind and dust and rain to the crops. We shall see. Gold, silver and other metals, etc. are often found in the most unlikely places. Last year I noticed persons digging in the stream that flows in the most, close to the Ch'ien-tien, in search of gold. The situation was explained by the contiguity of gold shops, as the sweepings of such places are thrown into the stream. There are in Peking a number of persons who follow, who follow, during the four winter months, a business which consists in brushing up the dry dust of our streets, sieving, or fanning it, and making a decent living of about twenty cents a day, on an average. By far the largest quantity of metal found is of course iron, in the form of dust, nails, etc., which is sold at four large Peking cash per catty. Next to iron they find copper, silver, gold and precious stones. The latter are almost valueless being crushed by the carts. After scraping together and winnowing three or four small baskets (sho-dih) they will secure about a handful of iron dust. This they deposit in a bag which they carry round their waists and on returning home they use a ladle to extract all the iron, and afterwards submit the remainder to a washing operation, when the silver—the main article sought—is at once seen. On the above calculated rates, therefore, an army of these metal diggers, making a few dollars daily, does this, multiplied by four months, gives over seven thousand dollars. Here is almost an unknown trade proving sufficiently lucrative. The men are scattered over all the city—on the cart as well as on the foot passenger thoroughfares. Their swagging can be seen but an intently small portion of the dust of our streets. What a mine of wealth lies directly under our feet and is blown in our faces by every wind! If all hitherto unexplored portions of the city were to be submitted to chemical analysis what riches would be the result? Here is a new industry! The question may be asked whence comes all this wealth. The iron is easily accounted for, from the cart-wheels, the animals' shoes and those of pedestrians. The silver, gold, copper and precious stones come from the ornaments of the people who ride in carts. So much is written against the fifth and pollution of Peking that the unquenchable philosopher may now ask is it not another El Dorado? Of course such an analysis in our methods would have an end, but what of all China? This wealth is the accumulation of centuries.

Two elk (*Synphalangis*, male and female) from the Nan Hai have been presented to Admiral Seymour by the Chinese Government. They have been placed in cages and forwarded to Japan.

In the afternoon of the 9th it rained a very little, which allayed our dust for the time being, and provided the atmosphere with some moisture. It had blown every afternoon for the previous six days, and it seems to be taking up the old role again—our Peking St. Souths, wind and clouds of dust being substituted for rain. The late British Minister said, when he arrived here, that he had come to a city of dust and clouds.

The other evening a destructive fire took place in the principal street of the Chinese city and burned down some 30 *chiao* or shops.

The Koreans left the capital on the 10th. The Emperor left the Palace at 4.30 on the morning of the 10th and proceeded to the Temple of Agriculture, in the Southern city, opposite the Temple of Heaven, where he arrived an hour later, and two hours afterwards his Majesty returned to the Palace, having performed the royal ploughing operation. On the previous day, high officials made all the necessary preparations, and foreigners were, as usual, warned to keep away from the route taken by the Imperial cortege. The Emperor ploughed a piece of land about 100 feet long, going up and returning four times. Formerly three turns of the plough up and down were deemed sufficient, but the Emperor Yang-ching having resolved to add one more turn the figure ever since has stood at four. Nine great personages are selected, three princes and six high officials, the officials of the Board of Rites having the precedence, to plough a piece of land. They are each furnished with a bullock and a plough and they are required to perform nine times, or in all up and down eighteen times. The seed is formally sown but nothing much is expected from it as the season is not opportune. I suppose, however, the grain thus obtained would be offered in sacrifice at perhaps the Temple of Heaven. In ancient times the same rites were performed in Japan—the insular emperor having copied all its observances from China.

The closing meeting of the Debating Society for the present session took place at the house of Dr. Edkins on the 9th, when Mr. Hancock read a most interesting paper on the Panama Canal, the history of its district, the discovery of the Pacific Ocean and other cognate subjects which group themselves around Panama. On the conclusion of the paper, Mr. Addis gave a clear financial statement of the present condition of the Canal Company, and Dr. Dudgeon a statement of the means which were tried to import Chinese labour and the future prospects of the canal. It was felt that work must be completed either by the French Government or that of the United States. The latter Government might well apply its large surplus revenue to such an international object. A social entertainment thereafter took place.

I hear that a telegram was lately sent to the second city of the British Empire in Russia, and was returned from Khabarovka because the name of the country was not given! This is very flattering to the city whose motto is *Let Glasgow flourish*. The flag of the Legations were hoisted on the 9th in honour of the birthday of the King of the Belgians.

In a memorial presented to the throne, the number of destitute persons in Houtai is put down at 1,000,000, for whom help is requested from the Emperor. In spite therefore of reported large supplies of silver to that province, more than is needed, and of the statement that a London subscription is now no longer necessary, the urgency of the case having passed, this memorial speaks for itself.

April 12th.

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C. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, April 24, 1888. 605

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To be followed by a Steamer (\*\*\*\*) on the 1st June, and *PARTHA* on the 21st June.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the 8th May.

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C. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, April 24, 1888. 607

## Mails.



STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI, VENICE, AND LONDON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship *TEHERAN*, Captain F. H. SEYMOUR, with Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, 5th May, at Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing.

Tea, Silk and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; General Cargo at Bombay, arriving one week later than by the direct route via Colombo.

For further particulars regarding FREIGHT AND PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment. Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions on the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their baggage can do so on application at the Company's Office.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

P. &amp; O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, April 26, 1888. 675

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Hongkong, July 15, 1887. 1348

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WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

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Hongkong, December 2, 1887. 2349

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- From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
- From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

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- From Blue Building to East Point.
- From East Point to the Island of North Point.
- Kowloon Wharves.
- Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
<b>Steamers</b>						
Achilles	5 c Anderson	1828	April 24	Butterfield & Swire	Koy and Shanghai	To-morrow
Amoy	3 h Kohler	815	April 27	Nielsen & Co.	Koon Dock	To-morrow
Antoon	3 h Aernboe	396	April 26	Wielers & Co.	Koon Dock	To-morrow
Ashington	3 h Revell	869	April 22	Butterfield & Swire	Koon Dock	To-morrow
Changsha	10 Williams	1464	April 22	Butterfield & Swire	Koon Dock	To-morrow
China	3 c Uldrup	648	April 13	Melchers & Co.	Haiphong	To-morrow
China	3 c Hays	1491	April 23	Wielers & Co.	London, &c.	To-morrow
Dardanelles	5 c Purdy	1555	April 25	Butterfield & Swire	Shanghai	To-morrow
Djennah	5 c Vaquier	2486	April 27	Messageries Maritimes	Haiphong	To-morrow
Emeralda	4 h Mottram	395	April 25	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Fushun	4 h Crowl	1539	April 27	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Kutchinotzu	To-morrow
Geelong	11 Thom	1139	April 27	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Kutchinotzu	To-morrow
Haiphong	5 h Harris	1132	April 24	Douglas Steamship Co.	Kutchinotzu	To-morrow
Kumamoto Maru	10 Exstrom	1237	April 2	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	Coast Ports	To-morrow
Kwong Sang	3 h Sellar	1000	April 27	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Coast Ports	To-morrow
Lombardy	5 c Preston	1726	April 23	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Coast Ports	To-morrow
Lombardy	5 c Goddard	826	April 27	Douglas Steamship Co.	Coast Ports	To-morrow
Namhan	3 h Blackburne	339	April 27	Hop King Hong	Coast Ports	To-morrow
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Pilot Fish	5 h Stopani	101	April 27	K. & W. De Co.	Coast Ports	To-morrow
Prometheus	5 c Webster	1537	April 26	Butterfield & Swire	Coast Ports	To-morrow
Propontis	2 h Hearley	1387	April 27	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Coast Ports	To-morrow
Tai-chow	3 h Newton	862	April 26	Yueh Fat Hong	Coast Ports	To-morrow
Tanjore	5 c Speck	1402	April 24	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Coast Ports	To-morrow
Tetris	5 c Bleicken	1142	April 24	Ed. Schellhaas & Co.	Coast Ports	To-morrow
Waiting	5 c Chang Shing	393	April 17	Master	Coast Ports	To-morrow
Yangtze	5 h Starling	814	April 26	Stevens & Co.	Coast Ports	To-morrow
<b>Sailing Vessels</b>						
Allie Rowe	8 k Phillips	1239	June 9	Wilder & Co.	Laid up	
B. P. Cheney	5 c Hughes	1239	Jan. 26	Douglas, Appraik & Co.	New York	
Centennial	5 k Beane	1222	Jan. 27	Carloway & Co.	New York	
Columbus	4 k Haebeop	1429	April 11	Captain	Howards wharf	
Eidvold	3 c Pannies	272	April 1	Order	Howards wharf	
F. H. Drows	2 h Rothbart	624	April 16	Melchers & Co.	Howards wharf	
H. Printzenberg	3 c Ahrens	550	April 17	Melchers & Co.	Howards wharf	
Kitty	11 Swan	206	April 25	Stevens & Co.	Howards wharf	
Kitty	8 k Laird	803	April 26	Stevens & Co.	Howards wharf	
Lady Harwood	3 c Williams	382	April 19	Captain	Howards wharf	
Loong Wah	4 h Lord	373	April 18	Ed. Schellhaas & Co.	Howards wharf	
Mount Lebanon	3 c Nelson	530	April 16	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Howards wharf	
Pactolus	3 c Burnham	1145	April 20	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Howards wharf	
Penshaw	3 c Parker	729	Mar. 31	Jane, Crawford & Co.	Howards wharf	
Titan	3 c Allyn	1270	Jan. 28	Stevens & Co.	Howards wharf	
Young Siam	2 c Kock	750	April 26	Stevens & Co.	Howards wharf	

## Her Britannic Majesty's ships on the China Station.

Name.	Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Alacrity	despatch-vessel	1700	4	3180	Com. R. Blair Macdonochie	Hongkong
Andalusian*	two-masted battle-ship	6010	10	4830	Capt. John B. Warren	Hongkong
Cockchafer	gunboat 2nd class	465	4	470	Lieut.-Com. Ed. E. Maxwell	Fuchow
Constance	cruiser 3rd class	2380	14	2550	Capt. L. O. Keppel	On a cruise
Cordoba	cruiser 3rd class	2380	10	2420	Captain Henry H. Boys	Shanghai
Eis	cruiser 3rd class - not defence	363	3	340		In reserve
Euphor	gunboat 2nd class	465	4	470	Lieut.-Com. Reginald Y. Smith	Hongkong
Frederand	gunboat 2nd class	463	4	460	Lieut.-Com. Denison	Manila
Heroine	cruiser 3rd class	149	8	1130	Captain Chas. J. Balfour	Hongkong
Leander	cruiser 2nd class	490	10	5500	Captain M. J. Dunlop	Kobe
Linnut	gun-vessel 2nd class	66	5	1050	Commander W. Marrack	Hongkong
Merlin	gunboat 2nd class	76	4	430	Lieut.-Com. W. M. Maturin	Hongkong
Mutine	aloop	130	10	1120	Commander J. H. Martin	Hongkong
Orion	battle-ship 3 class armoured	370	4	4040	Captain T. H. Royce	Hongkong
Rambler	gun-vessel 3 class	430	3	530	Commander W. F. Moore	Hongkong
Rattler	gunboat 1st class	715	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. W. Miff. Duggall	Hongkong
Sapphir	cruiser 3rd class	1970	12	2360	Captain W. C. Karleke	Hongkong
Satellite	cruiser 3rd class	1420	8	1400	Captain T. P. W. Nesham	Hongkong
Solent	torpedo mining launch	150	—	—		Hongkong
Swift	gun-vessel 2d class	766	5	1010	Com. Hon. Richard Bingham	Hongkong
Victor Emanuel	receiving ship	5157	14	—	Commodore Maxwell, A.D.C.	Hongkong
Wanderer	boat	925	4	750	Commander Geo. Giffard	On a cruise
Wolver	ocean defence ship, armoured	2750	4	1450	—	Hongkong.